

The Business Outlook.

Timorous and distrustful people must be amazed to look at the statistics and see how these support the theory that the business situation is fundamentally sound.

Take bank clearings. For February these were 159 per cent above those of February 1918. During that month last year, the country's industries were running on the highest pressure of history. Everyone was at work at large wages. A tremendous output of munitions was being turned out for sale to Europe. And yet the turnover of money this year is away ahead of last year.

Of course prices are higher now than they were last year, so that exchange of an equal volume of commodities would make a bigger total in dollars. The latest government price figures are those for last November. They show an increase of prices from February 1918 to November of only 10 per cent. And since that time there has probably been no advance. So business has advanced about 16 per cent while the advance in prices has been only 10 per cent. The net gain is accomplished while the munition and war work has been stopping.

Taken another sure indicator of business, the record of commercial failures. In February there were only 602 failures, the lowest in

American history. Last year in the first six months of 1918 the monthly average of failures was 981. In one week in March there were only 137 failures, against 247 a year ago.

Figures like these indicate that the United States, in spite of the war, is richer than ever. The people have money, and as long as they have it to spend business has got to be good.

If the United States can harmonize threatened conflict of labor and capital, if it can persuade both employer and employed that their interests are practically identical, that the bigger the product turned out, the bigger the share of each worker will be, the business outlook is surely bright.

Miss Grace Quick who has been seriously ill for the past several days was taken to Quincy Saturday accompanied by her parents and Dr. J. N. Southern and late that evening was operated on for appendicitis at Blessing hospital. Her many friends here are glad to know that she stood the operation nicely and is getting along fine.

J. J. Brown is in Kansas City this week where he is attending the State Conference on Demobilization Problems which is being held in that city. Mr. Brown went as a delegate from Monroe County.

Mrs. E. O. Hallock of Topeka, Kan. is visiting her mother Mrs. Mary Hord.

On a certain night a few weeks ago the folks around Lake Huntington, Cal., mostly Indians and trappers, were startled into the belief that America had won the war and that nature herself was celebrating the victory. For twenty miles around in automobiles, on horseback and in rickety old carriages they drove into Lake Huntington that night to learn the cause of the great blue lights that could be seen for hundreds of miles around. These lights were new not only to the natives, but also to Robert Thornby, director, and Miss Carmen star, who were using them in making scenes for "Lawless Love." An official of the Edison Company of Southern California was stopping at the Lake Huntington Lodge, and he told Mr. Thornby that he believed that excellent pictures could be taken at night with these bluish lights. So power was run from the Edison plant nearby, with results even better than were anticipated. Gem, Tuesday, April 1.

There are openings now so three young men and two young women may work their way through a business, telegraph or civil service course at the Chillicothe Business College, earning both tuition and board. If interested, write the college.

Samson might have escaped with his hair had not that female barber talked him to sleep.



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1. Desperate and needy girl tries to capture notorious bandit single-handed.
2. Cornered road agent shoots armed girl to save his own neck.
3. Matinee idol basely deserts sweetheart in the face of danger.
4. Injured girl is roughly dragged to mountain den by lawless gang.
5. With his own body, bandit shields captive woman from other outlaws.
6. Man and girl in frail shack held bloodthirsty mob at bay for hours.
7. Bad man risks death by fire to save girl who sought his life.
8. Besieged couple dash through wall of flame to freedom.
9. Wild ride on fear-maddened horses through canyon of death to safety and love.

BIG
WEST'N
DRAMA

The bonnie blue eyes and sweet loving way of the William Fox star have been the subject of many prose paragraphs, and here they have formed the inspiration of a sweet singer of verse as well:
Oh, Jewell Jewell Jewell
With eyes of bonnie blue.
Today we make renewal
Of vows of love for you.
So oft we've viewed the shadow
That now we crave the real,
Step from your Eldorado,
And make our day ideal.
We know there is a magic
In your sweet loving way
That banishes the tragic
From lives all work-a-day.
Forgetting we are weary,
Our cares are put to flight,
So pull the latch-string, Dearie,
And tarry for the night.

A beautiful woman in eminent, deadly peril of life and honor while a gang of reckless outlaws fight battle after battle for possession of her—this is the main subject of "Lawless Love." It is a game of life and death played by a charming, helpless woman. It is a thrilling, tremendous story of the great West—a story of the people who live under the law, but without law. It is an absorbing account of how cowardice lost a woman's love—how the man in chaps beat out the chap in evening clothes. It is a story of real bandits and a woman's power of regeneration. It is the biggest production Jewel Carmen has made—and her first Excel Picture.

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Big Garden Year.

Home gardening is starting off this year in every section of the country with the momentum gained during the two gardening seasons in which the United States was at war. This is the conclusion drawn from reports to the garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture from garden leaders in most of the States: According to these reports gardening has spread to every element of the people and has become a fixed fact or in city and suburban as well as rural life. With experience gained by amateur gardeners in past seasons and with gardens assuming a permanent rather than a temporary character, this year is expected to be the greatest year ever recorded in making waste land produce food.

Word was received here Monday by relatives of Mrs. Wm. Hawkins who died at her home in Anadroma Okla., Saturday March 23, 1919. Her death was due to tuberculosis. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins will be remembered by many in this city where they formerly lived about eight years ago. She leaves her husband and two children. Funeral and burial were held at Anadroma Monday.

The following from out of town were called here the last of the week by the serious illness and death of Mrs. Wilbur Albright whose death came early Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGhee, son, Earl and daughter, Miss Pearl McGhee, and three brothers, Earl whom with his parents and sister, reside at Cox, two other brothers, Harry Boulder, Colo. and Ernest of Denver, Colo., are left to mourn her death. A young wife and mother, her death seems doubly sad.

Mrs. Wilbur E. Albright

Mrs. Wilbur E. Albright passed away at her home in this city Sunday morning, March 23, 1919, at 6 o'clock after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. She had been confined mostly to her bed for nearly nineteen months. A few weeks ago she suffered an attack of influenza which hastened her death.

The deceased was 26 years old and was born at Cox, Macon County, September 23, 1893 and had lived there nearly all her life until about a year ago when she with her husband came to this city to undergo treatments for the disease. Her maiden name was Agnes McGhee and was united in marriage to Wilbur E. Albright, April 17, 1911. Short funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday morning by Rev. B. F. Wharton, after which the body was taken to Macon County and burial was in the cemetery at Fairview church near there. Services were conducted there at 11:30 o'clock by Rev. Woods of Canton. The husband and a little son, Donald, two years old survive; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGhee, one sister, Miss Pearl McGhee, and three brothers, Earl whom with his parents and sister, reside at Cox, two other brothers, Harry Boulder, Colo. and Ernest of Denver, Colo., are left to mourn her death. A young wife and mother, her death seems doubly sad.

This is the second death to occur in the Albright family within two weeks. Mr. Albright's father, M. B. Albright having passed away Sunday, March 9.

J. C. Kincaid was transacting business in Hannibal Friday.